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A. Amendments to the Specification

After the Title insert:

--Cross Reference to Related Application

This application is a continuation of U.S. application Serial No. 10/097,213 filed March 13, 2002, which is currently pending.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 15 with the following rewritten paragraph:

--Pivotal cover 32 is generally a planar member, having an upper surface 40 shown in Figure 1 and an under surface 42 shown in Figure 2. Cover 32 is mounted to rim-like base 30 for pivotal movement therewith by a cooperating pin and socket hinge structure. Cover 32 includes, at one end thereof, a pair of outwardly directed pins ~~40~~41 while rim-like base 30 includes an associated pair of sockets 42 for accommodating pins ~~40~~41. Pins 41 of cover 32 reside within the sockets 42 of base 30 so as to provide pivotal movement between cover 32 and base 30 so that cover 32 may be moved between an open position shown in Figure 3 and a closed position shown in Figure 4.--

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Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 9, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--Cover 32 further includes a pivotally openable door 50 thereon. Door 50 is positioned at a corner of the cover, away from the pivot connection of the cover 32 to the base 30 so that the door 50 overlies smaller interior portion 24b of interior 24. Door 50 includes a top wall 52, and a pair of depending side walls 54, ~~and a back wall 55~~ partially bounding top wall 52. The door 50 is pivotally attached to cover 32 by a cooperating track-like structure. Opposed side walls 54 may include a groove-like track 56 which mates with projections on the cover to permit the door to be opened and closed in a generally pivotal fashion. The door 50 permits entry of terminated wire 45 into the interior 24 of housing 12. The cover further includes a projecting portion 55.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 18 with the following rewritten paragraph:

--In the closed position, the ~~back wall~~ projecting portion 55 of ~~door 50~~ cover 32 extends into the smaller interior portion 24b and, as will be described in further detail hereinbelow, forces cable 45 inserted through the open door 50 downward into interior portion 24b.--

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Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 19, and continued on page 9, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--Referring now to Figure 3, in order to connect a terminated electrical wire 45 to the receptacles and jacks supported within floor box 10, the cover 32 is pivotally moved to an open position. Connections can now be made in the conventional fashion to the receptacles and jacks which are supported in larger first interior portion 24a. After the connections are made, the cover can be pivotally closed to lie flush with the floor. In order to accommodate the egress of the terminated wires 45, the door 50 is open. By opening door 50, the terminated wires 45 can exit through cover 32. Once the wires 45 is run exteriorly of the floor box, the door 50 may be fully or partially closed to a position shown in either Figures 1 or 4. The top wall 52 of door 50 may include a cut-out portions ~~55~~58 which allows the door to be fully closed even where the wires 45 is egressing box 10. In that regard, the cut-out portion ~~55~~58 is formed to a size which is approximately equal to that of a conventional wire 45 which may be run into floor box 10.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 16, with the following paragraph:

--The present invention further prevents water which may track along the connected wire 45 from entering the larger interior portion 24a which houses the receptacles and jacks. Once the

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wire 45 is connected to the receptacle, the wire exits the box through door 50. As it does, so it passes over divider 24 and smaller interior portion 24b. When the door 50 is closed or partially closed over the exiting wire 45, a portion of the wire directly overlies smaller interior portion 24b. ~~As door 50 is closed, it~~ The projection portion 55 forces the wire down into smaller interior portion 24b placing a bow or dip in the wire beneath the upper extent of partition 24. Thus, as water tracks along wire 45 from the exterior of box 10 to the interior, water will, under the influence of the surface tension and gravity flow along the wire down into smaller interior portion 24b below the upper extent of partition 24. Any water so tracking will now drip off of wire 24 and will not continue tracking upwardly and over partition 24. Any water which drips off of wire 45 in smaller interior portion 24b is drained outwardly through drain opening 72 and 74. Water is prevented from tracking into the larger interior portion 24a which houses receptacles and jacks. Thus, the interior portion ~~24b~~ 24a remains dry protecting the electrical terminations and connections therein.